



CENTRAL GORGE MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY, 2018

WELCOME TO THE 2018 MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM!

Church Parking Lot

In order to accommodate the Hood River Valley Christian Church Wednesday evening choir practice, the church has asked us to leave 8-10

close-in parking spots open for them to use.

Recruiting Education Committee Members

I am looking for a few volunteers that are willing to help coordinate

and market our summer seminar gardening series.

For more information, contact Rachel Suits at rachel.suits@oregonstate.edu

Rachel Suits

Month at a Glance

February 13: Tuesday 10-12pm: CGMGA Exec Committee Meeting, Extension meeting room, everyone's welcome to join us

February 23: Friday 8-9 am: K1HR radio show with CGMGA Master Gardeners

July 12-14: Thursday-Saturday: OMGA Growing Gardeners (formerly mini-college) at Linfield College

Check our Website for [More Calendar Information](#)

CGMGA AND OMGA

From the desk of your CGMGA president

It was a pleasure meeting so many of our new Master Gardener trainees during our first class session Wednesday evening. The potluck supper is always a fun and festive way to begin the year, and there was such a positive energy in the room.

We all have our reasons for signing up for the MG training, but as we



Japanese Heritage Garden

learned on Wednesday, we share a curiosity for expanding our knowledge of sustainable gardening techniques as well as a desire to give back to our community.

As you are aware, there are several projects that will need your help this year. Try to participate

in several of them over the course of the spring and summer, in order to better understand the scope and variety of our community engagement.

Coming up in February, the Plant Sale project will begin the seed planting parties - this year, for the first time, in our brand new greenhouse. The project leaders will appreciate lots of helping hands.

We look forward to a fun year.

Heidi Shoup



Garden Visit

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EDUCATIONAL TIDBITS

Spring 2018 Advanced Training Webinars for Master Gardeners

Topics include:

- [Frontiers in Snail & Slug Management](#)
- [Hybridization and Tetraploids and Chromosomes, . . . Oh My! Understanding Plant Breeding for Disease Resistance](#)
- [Identifying & Managing the Bronze Birch Borer](#)
- [Powdery mildew: Biology & Management in the Garden](#)

Additional information can be found on their Web site <https://wp.me/p7ymwn-28>

Invasive Species & Exotic Pest Workshop March 1 *Save the Date*

The Columbia Gorge Cooperative Weed Management Area is hosting its seventh annual Invasive Species and Exotic Pest Workshop on March 1, 2018 in Stevenson, WA. This year we will be talking about invasive species management and wildfire. The workshop is co-hosted by Washington State University Extension and the Washington Invasive Species Council,

and is partially funded through the US Department of Agriculture. Certified herbicide applicators may earn up to 7 Oregon or Washington re-certification credits (pending approval).

Registration will be up soon!

Sarah Hamilton | CWMA
Coordinator

Pollinators

[California halts consideration of new uses of neonicotinoids in the state](#)

CJ Flick



Neonicotinoids are frequently found in California rivers and streams at levels that are known to cause harm to aquatic invertebrates

<https://xerces.org/2018/01/08/california-halts-consideration-of-new-uses-of-neonicotinoids-in-the-state/>

February Training Schedule

Day	Time	Topic	Presenter	Location	Homework
2/3	9am-12pm	Plant Pathology	Brooke Edmunds	HRVCC	Chapter 15
2/3	1-4pm	Insects!	Allison Walston	HRVCC	Chapter 14
2/7	6-9pm	The Plant Clinic	Rachel Suits	HRVCC	Plant Clinic Manual
2/14	6-9pm	Beneficial Insect Habitat	Dan Richardson and Rachel Suits	HRVCC	Research two strategies to incorporate beneficial insect habitat
2/17	9am-12pm	Plant Problem Diagnosis	Neil Bell	FISH Food Bank	Chapter 16
2/17	1-4pm	Berries	Bernadine Strik	FISH Food Bank	Chapter 11
2/21	6-9pm	Weed Management	SWCD	HRVCC	Chapter 17
2/28	6-9pm	Pruning Techniques	Cindy Collins	HRVCC	Chapter 4

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Photo by Kirby Neumann-Rea
Hood River County Fair,
2017
[Hood River News, July 25, 2017](#)

County Fair Project - Project Leader Needed

One of the Central Gorge Master Gardener's Association projects that truly reaches it's educational arm out to so many people is the Hood River County Fair Display. The display provides a great opportunity to provide information

on horticultural related areas and provide a location for plant clinic discussions. There is a need for a project leader (or co-leaders) to head up this year's very worthwhile project. The main responsibilities of the chair is to organize and coordinate the volunteers who will provide the individual displays - usually

about 4 or 5 display areas. There are no set requirements on what those displays should be, so let your imagination go. Education and fun should be the goals.

This year's Hood River County Fair theme is "Rides, Games and Coun-

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Oregon Bee Identification Workshop for Master Gardeners

- Thursday, February 22, 2018
- 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Hood River Extension Conference Room

This FREE, day-long workshop will train you in the basics of native bee specimen collection, curation and identification.

No previous entomological experience is necessary. Gain the skills to begin sampling for native bees in your region in 2018—opening the world of native bees to you and your community.

Pre-Registration is Required

Contact Rachel Suits
(Hood River)



Building Environmental Stewardship

County Master Gardeners, this full day of gardening education will provide you with knowledge just in time for the new gardening season.

Each speaker, in their own way, will address the overall theme of 'Building Environmental Stewardship'. F

or a detailed class schedule, visit mgfsc.org/cabin-fever.

Karen Parks, Spokane county Master Gardener

Hood River Soil & Water Conservation District Native Plant Sale

Order Your Native Plants Now!

The Hood River Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) has begun taking orders for their annual native plant sale.

Check their website at www.hoodriverswcd.org to download your order form and gather information on plant descriptions and site suitability.

For more information, call (541-386-4588) or stop by our office at 3007 Experiment Station Rd. in Hood River. Purchases will be available for pick up on Friday and Saturday, the 6th and 7th of April, 2018.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

try Things" and the fair will be held on July 25-28.

Please contact Rachel Suits or Heidi Shoup to find out more about this project.

Central Gorge Community Garden Network

Project Leader Kathy McGregor

WANTED: One or more Master Gardeners interested in overseeing educational workshops for Community Garden Managers in the Central Gorge area. This volunteer opportunity would involve finding a speaker/facilitator, establishing a location and date, and setting up the space

and materials needed for the workshop.

The Central Gorge Community Garden Network was designed by the CGM-GA in 2016 to make area community gardens more successful, and to encourage communication and cooperation among those dedicated to seeing that local folks have places to grow healthy food. Garden leaders from Hood River, Lyle, Cascade Locks, White Salmon, and Stevenson met in February 2017 to discuss their needs. Based on those needs, we put on several workshops. In 2018 we want to put on two more workshops as well as a potluck/Garden

Visit to be held at one of the region's community gardens.

I am looking for assistance with the 2 workshops and the potluck/garden visit. Ideally, 3 Master Gardeners would take on these roles, though one person might prefer to do them all. As project leader, I will also be involved in putting on these workshops but prefer to have other enthusiastic food garden lovers to help.

Kathy McGregor, Project Leader

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Garden Tour

WEDDING HELP

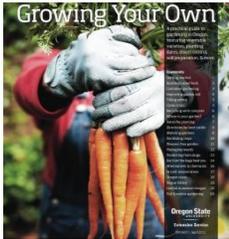
Wanted Succulents and Flowers

Hello fellow Master Gardeners. I am looking for some help for my upcoming wedding in June. I want to make my center pieces out of old vintage boxes planted with succulents and a few flowers. I have a few succulents, but was wondering if anyone had any extras they would be willing to part with. I'm also having a hard time finding vintage cheese boxes or anything that looks similar. Could be old drawers as well. They need to be rather narrow, but open to any ideas. I'm not really sure what flowers will be blooming at end of June, but I thought cherry blossoms would look nice? I figured y'all would be the best people to ask. I added a few pictures for reference.

Thanks, Dani danielle friedrich E mail to: dani14bball@gmail.com



RESOURCES



<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/em9027.pdf>

- ◇ [Hood River County Master Gardeners](#)
- ◇ [PNW Handbooks](#)
- ◇ [Week Identification](#)
- ◇ [Growing Your Own](#)
- ◇ [HortSense](#)
- ◇ [Columbia Gorge Co-operative Weed Management Area](#)
- ◇ [OSU Publications](#)
- ◇ [UC IPM](#)
- ◇ [OSU Gardening](#)
- ◇ [Monthly Gardening Calendars](#)
- ◇ [WSU Gardening](#)



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

In order to allow time for formatting the CGMGA Newsletter, please submit articles or calendar items by the last Thursday of the month.

Send newsletter information to Shari Bosler at sharibosler@hotmail.com. Thanks!